

CLAIMS

3 1. A jewelry clasp for gripping the post of a piece of jewelry, said jewelry clasp
4 comprising:
5 a. A base plate having a first surface for facing toward said piece of
6 jewelry and a second surface for facing away from said piece of jewelry,
7 an opening in said base plate for passing a jewelry post there through;
8 b. At least one spring finger extending outwardly from said second surface
9 to a position where a portion of the spring finger can frictionally engage a
10 side surface of a jewelry post when said post is passed through said
11 opening;
12 c. At least one user gripping tab extending outwardly from said base plate
13 second surface to a position where said gripping tab can be gripped by a
14 user for removal of said jewelry clasp from said post.
15 d. At least one metal separator cast or stamped in a shape that clears the
16 post, said separator being affixed, suspended, between the gripping tabs.
17 2. The jewelry clasp of claim 1 in which said base plate is substantially circular and
18 said at least one spring finger is a pair of spring fingers extending substantially
19 from the twelve o'clock and six o'clock positions thereon and said ~~at least one~~ one
20 ~~gripping~~ tab is a pair of gripping tabs extending substantially from the three
21 o'clock and the nine o'clock positions thereon.
22 3. The jewelry clasp of claim 2 in which said gripping tabs are separated by a metal
23 separator of a shape which clears the post with room to spare.

1 4. The jewelry clasp of claim 3 in which said separator is secured to gripping tabs by
2 hard solder.

3 5. The jewelry clasp of claim 3 in which said separator is stamped as one piece with
4 correct spacing.

5 6. The jewelry clasp of claim 2 in which said pair of gripping tabs extends farther
6 outward than said spring fingers.

7 7. The jewelry clasp of claim 2 in which at least one of said pair of gripping tabs has
8 a greater width than either of said spring fingers.

9 8. The jewelry clasp of claim 2 in which said gripping tabs have an indentation or
10 dip in the material of the gripping tabs to facilitate gripping thereof.

11 9. The jewelry clasp of claim 2 in which at least one of said gripping tabs is a shaped
12 piece of metal secured to said base plate.

13 10. The jewelry clasp of claim 2 in which the opening in said base plate is centrally
14 located and said base plate's surface has a funnel shaped depressed area around
15 said opening to facilitate entry of a jewelry post into said opening.

16 11. A clasp for gripping a post extending from the back of a piece of jewelry said
17 clasp comprising:
18 a. a generally circular base plate having a first surface for facing toward
19 said piece of jewelry and a second surface for facing away from said piece
20 of jewelry, a centrally located opening in said base plate for passing a
21 jewelry post there through;
22 b. a pair of opposed spring fingers on said second surface positioned to
23 frictionally engage opposed sides of a jewelry post when said post is

1 18. The jewelry clasp of claim 11 in which said first and second exterior bars are
2 secured to said plates by solder.

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